

IACP: Alzheimer's Initiatives Program

Responding to Alzheimer's Disease:

Techniques for Law Enforcement and First Responders

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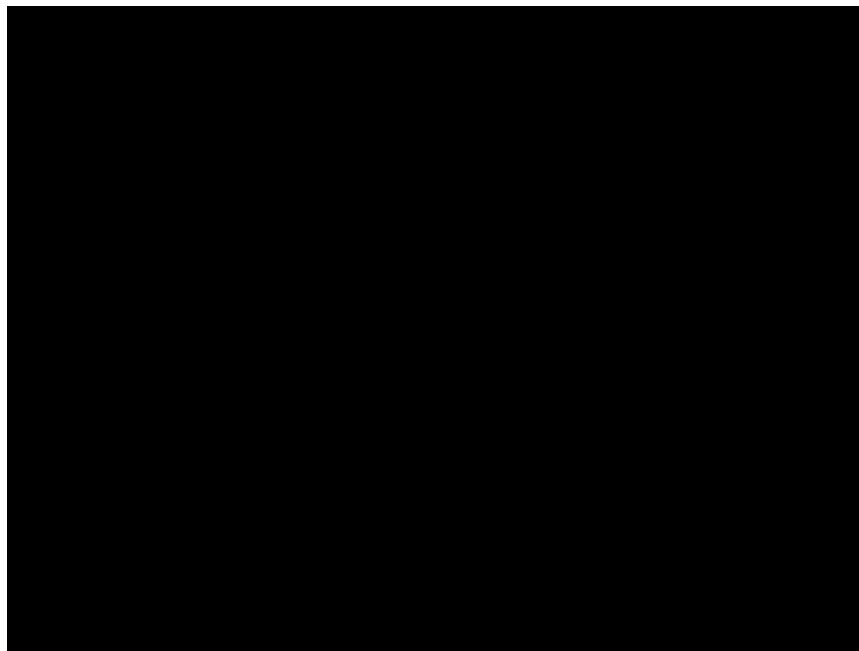


Serving the Leaders of Today, Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow





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IT'S HAPPENING EVERYWHERE

Hamilton Township, NJ

Midway Park, NC

Frederick County, MD

Smithfield, NC

MONTCALM COUNTY, MI



ALZHEIMER'S INITIATIVES PROJECT

- Started in 2009- through grant from Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Dept. of Justice
- Advisory Board formed, curriculum developed
- Created a series of tools and resources
- 2012- Launched in-person training program





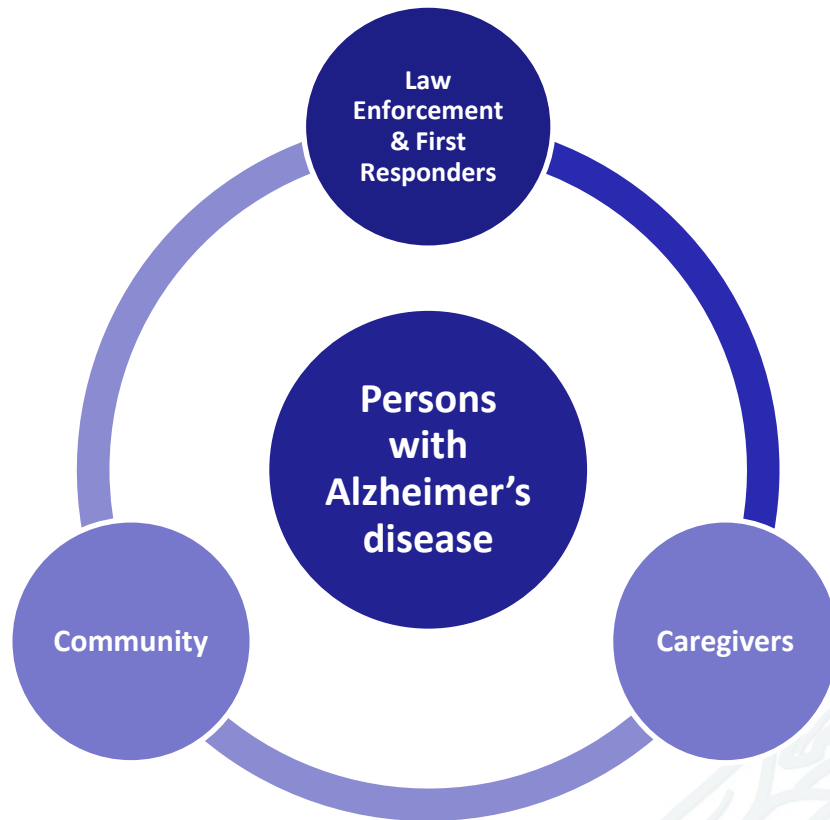
TRAINING ACROSS THE COUNTRY

- Since June 2012: Conducted 10 training sessions
- Trained 457 participants from 246 departments
- Upcoming trainings in MA, KS, VA, NJ, ID, MN, CA





ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AFFECTS EVERYONE





WARNING SIGNS FOR LE

- Erratic driving
- Initial observation of vehicle
- Information on MDT
- Initial interaction with driver
- Preliminary investigation





TIPS & TECHNIQUES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Interview the driver
- **VERY IMPORTANT** to properly identify characteristics of the disease
- **ALWAYS** write a citation
 - *Start the paper-trail
- DMV referral
- Internal reporting
- **Follow up with caregivers**





TIPS FOR THE CAREGIVERS- TIME TO TAKE ACTION

- Take the keys (Do **NOT** just hide them)
- Disable vehicle
- Be Creative!
- If all else fails...SELL vehicle



REMOVAL OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES

- Loss of independence for both patient and caregiver
- “I don’t want to hurt them...this is their last freedom”
- Denial of disease
- Caregiver does not know exactly how far disease has progressed until LE gets involved





LOCATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

- Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
- Land-Based Tracking Systems
 - Radio Frequency (RF)
- Network Assisted GPS (A-GPS)





RESOURCES FOR LE AND CAREGIVERS

- The IACP
- Alzheimer's Association
- Maryland DMV
- Project LifeSaver
- Senior Centers
- AOTA





YOU CAN'T MAKE ASSUMPTIONS

